

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
Stella Maris Academy High School Campus
September 7, 2023**

Present: John Kenney (chair), Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, Andrew Busam, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr. Seth Gogolin, Fr. Matt Miller, Fr. Rich Kunst, Nick Minardi, Robb Enslin, Karen Newstrom, Andrew Hilliker (President, *ex officio*), Wade Mathers (Director of Schools, *ex officio*)

Absent: Bob Lisi, Margaret Romano, Joe Gerard

Opened at 3:00 with prayer

Mission Moments:

- The ribbon cutting ceremony at the new high school was a wonderful celebration of the completion of Phase 1 with many in attendance.
- The renovated high school building is blessed to now have the Eucharistic Presence in the chapel.
- Appreciation was voiced for the many clergy who donated their time getting the new high school chapel ready in time for this week's Mass.
- The vibrancy of 141 junior and senior high students in the building is incredible!

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda moved by Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes moved by Nick Minardi, seconded and carried.

President's Update:

High School: Phase 1 is complete with the exception of some furniture deliveries and lockers. Work is underway to redevelop the back trail, with most of the estimated \$50,000 cost already donated or committed.

Capital Campaign/We're All In!: With a goal of \$10,000,000, the total amount of raised, committed and anticipated funds is currently \$8,179,476.

Upcoming Dates: Picture Day is set for the following days: Oct. 3 - Holy Rosary, Oct. 5 - High School and St. John's, Oct. 11 - St. James. Board members are encouraged to get their photo taken for academy use. SMA is sponsoring a table at the CHUM Gala, with 6 seats still open. Bishop's Dinner is Oct. 29 at the Greysolon Ballroom.

Check and Connect Grant: Because the grant is insufficient in covering all the costs of the program, approximately \$12,000 from EANS funds will be transitioned to pay for it.

Transportation: Difficulties in bus schedules are being addressed through communication with Voyageur with the aim of implementing more efficient routes.

Reflection on Start of Year: The Leadership Team will dedicate time next week to identifying opportunities and needs to adjust and/or improve. Board members are encouraged to share suggestions or considerations in the next two weeks.

CSCOE Grants to Fund RRR: The grant this year is restricted to recruiting, rewarding and retaining faculty.

Accreditation Visit Action Items: Board members are invited to a team welcome breakfast or dinner. Interviews and conversation with a team member will be scheduled. Feedback is needed on the SSP, which will be presented for approval at the November board meeting.

Finance Committee:

The budget deficit of \$85,000 does not include Capital Campaign funds. When adjusted, the amount is \$523,000 surplus.

Motion by the committee to accept 6.30.23 financials which are for fiscal year end 2022-23, seconded by Fr. Seth Gogolin and carried (Nick Minardi abstention).

Faculty Committee:

Shared services terms are being refined.

Nominating Committee:

In consultation with the chair, the following committee assignments are made: Nick Minardi, Facilities (chair); Andy Busam, Facilities (IT); Joe Gerard, Facilities; Fr. Matt Miller, Facilities, John Kenny, Finance; Robb Enslin, Nominating and Policy and Planning.

Closed at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Newstrom
Secretary